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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION
November 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt
SUBJECT: Heroin Traffic 

Since the last Task Force meeting on November 3, the following developments have taken place:

-- The President's messages have been delivered to President Pompidou and Prime Minister Demirel;

-- Prime Minister Demirel sees real obstacles to meeting our desires; moreover, his visit to the US has been re-scheduled from December to some-time after late February;

-- the President has invited the 50 Governors to a conference on December 3 dealing with narcotics and foreign policy;

-- John Ingersoll is returning at the end of this week from his visits to Paris and Ankara.

There was no specific agreement at the last Task Force meeting on a date for another meeting. Conceivably we do not need another meeting at this time. A status report for the President could be prepared on the basis of a report on Ingersoll's trip and on the cables from Ankara and Paris. On the other hand, without another meeting the energy in this effort may fade. State does not seem to have picked up the ball, or at least seems more interested in letting you or Justice take all the initiatives.

On balance I think it is time to call another Task Force meeting to mark the end of the first phase and to set the course for the next. I have attached (Tab A) a memorandum from you to the Deputy Attorney General requesting that John Ingersoll submit a report to the Task Force on the results of his trip. The report would be submitted prior to a Task Force meeting which I suggest should be called for December 1 (the first available date on your schedule). By that point we will have received the studies of the working group on intelligence collection, smuggling and pre-emptive buying of

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opium. On the basis of these reports and studies, the Task Force should be in a position to report to the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you agree to convene a Task Force meeting on December 1; and

APPROVE ☒ DISAPPROVE ☐
That you sign the memorandum to Mr. Kleindienst at Tab A.

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